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Subject: RE: US 95 Thorncreek Rd to Moscow documents
Attachments: 13-Vegetation-TR-072015.pdf

Thank you, Linda! Yes, we can meet early next week – are you here on Tuesday?

Charissa is lead for responding to the Public Notice. Tracy last worked on this project at the Final EIS stage, so we are all collaborating. I sent Charissa and Tracy (and you) your comments and the response to your comments for the Prairie remnants report by Juanita Lichthardt (2005). I also highlighted the portions that are most relevant to the LEDPA discussion. It may be that that is all that is needed for now. If you have anything to add to those thoughts, or if Charissa has further questions for you, your input would be most welcome. We understand your plate is overflowing, so we want to respect that and simply ask you to share your thoughts/perspectives if you have anything to add, or answer any questions.

The maps showing prairie remnants in the project area, and their relative values, are available in the attached pdf of Juanita's Vegetation report. I think those maps are sufficient to illustrate the concern regarding fragmentation effects and barriers to sustaining and restoring Palouse Prairie habitats and species. It also contains maps that illustrate the reach of weed invasions that are projected to occur.

Others please feel free to chime in here as well, but my guess is that one conversation with us to answer questions and share your thoughts would be all that is needed. At the least, we would want you to know this Public Notice has been issued, and that it is our last chance to avoid and minimize the serious project-related impacts to Palouse Prairie habitat and species. Unfortunately, ITD (now with a ROD signed by FHWA) has never changed their position re: the selection of Alternative E-2, which runs along the western base of Paradise Ridge.

Thank you so much, Linda, as always -- talk soon!
Elaine

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Hi there Elaine – I saw you request for me to assist on this in terms of identifying the LEDPA. If you and I could meet briefly early next week (when I'm next in the office) so I can get a clearer sense from you on the present action, timeline, what you want me to do relative to my colleague's in Idaho's role etc. that would be helpful. Please invite the appropriate person who is working on the 404 Public Notice for this (do you know if it's Charissa or Tracy?). Unfortunately, Elaine, I've got so many projects on my plate that I'm juggling right now and lots of deadlines I'm managing that I don't know if I can squeeze in another one. Getting a better sense of your ask and the level of effort

would help me a lot. I also want to be sure I'm providing support to whomever is assigned this review in Idaho. It's been a long time since I was involved in this. Your help summarizing where things are with the project would help me out.

Thanks,

Linda



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Linda,

FYI – here are other background documents re: US 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow that you may be interested to review – to see the path and substance of our comments. Attachments include:

- John Olson comments, 2006
- Scoping comments
- Draft EIS comments
- Final EIS comments
- FHWA ROD

Elaine